

# TOWN OF HERNDON

*Enriching the Quality of Life and Promoting a Sense of Community*



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**MAYOR-ELECT STEPHEN J. DEBENEDITTIS  
SWORN IN AT HERNDON MUNICIPAL CENTER**  
*Members of 2006-2008 Town Council Take Oaths Before Crowd of Citizens*

Herndon, VA (June 14, 2006) – Saying that he is “humbled and honored” by the trust placed in him by the citizens of the Town of Herndon, Stephen J. DeBenedittis was sworn in as the town’s Mayor this evening before a supportive and celebrative crowd.

Members of the 2006-2008 Town Council also received the oaths of office, administered by John Frey, clerk of the Fairfax County Circuit Court. Sworn in to the 2006-2008 Town Council are Dennis D. Husch, Connie Haines Hutchinson, David A. Kirby, J. Harlon Reece, William B. Tirrell, Sr., and Charlie D. Waddell.

“I am humbled by the trust you have placed in me. I am honored by the office you have entrusted to me. And I am committed to the campaign promises I made: to listen to your input, to value your opinions and to weigh your recommendations heavily in my actions as Mayor,” DeBenedittis said in his remarks, delivered in the atrium of the Herndon Municipal Center.

Recalling a childhood spent in Herndon, DeBenedittis said his vision for the Town “is inspired by my personal experience here – both past and present.” He spoke of the Town’s diversity, its heritage, its inclusiveness, and its government – “a government that is accessible to, and answerable to, its citizens.

“Government works best when people are engaged and involved,” he said. Directing his remarks to citizens, he said, “Your participation and your feedback are vital to the success of this new term.”

DeBenedittis also thanked outgoing Mayor Michael L. O’Reilly and the 2004-2006 Town Council “for their tireless and dedicated service to our Town.”

Mayor-elect DeBenedittis and the newly sworn council members take office on July 1, 2006.

The Town of Herndon was incorporated by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia on January 14, 1879. Located in western Fairfax County, Herndon is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest town in the Commonwealth and is home to more than 22,000 citizens. Businesses located within the Town of Herndon, which range from high tech enterprises to entrepreneurially-owned establishments, employ approximately 23,500 people.

For more information, visit the Town’s website at [www.herndon-va.gov](http://www.herndon-va.gov).

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